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Dear Robin,

The academic year is almost over. Exams are finished and sponsors will soon be receiving new school reports for their sponsored child to their login.

### **Simple mistake costs Ravi his place at Navodaya**

Everyone was ecstatic when two of our children won places in the Navodaya school for gifted children.

Imagine the disappointment when Ravi was told that an error on his application meant that his offer was withdrawn.

He had said he was a scheduled caste child, but when this was checked, it was found he was a member of the scheduled tribe. Even more painful is that scheduled tribe is lower than scheduled caste and it would have been easier for him to get in, but all the places had been filled.

The school put forward all the children who they think may have a chance and fill in all the application forms, but as there are a lot of applications to fill in, the teachers do not have time to check every detail.

Tarannum has taken her place at Navodaya but as this is the first time she has ever been away from her family, she is quite home sick. Her mother and father are visiting her regularly to keep her spirits up



Ravi back in class at Project Mala Guria School.



Tarannum at Navodaya with her father (left) and the Head Teacher



After the competition comes the prizegiving

## Sanjay wins school race

In the last few years we have tried to develop any talents a child has. Not all are academic and some excel in other ways. Sport is always high on the list and we hold many inter-school sports competitions. Note that he runs in bare feet!



The children play a lot of other sports as well



Girls are also good at athletics

If you think someone else may be interested in this newsletter please forward it on.

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